

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Previously presented) A workflow system, comprising:

a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses, wherein the form route manager includes:

an in-box adapted to receive email;

a first sequencer adapted to as follows:

compare a step field of the email with the route,

define the next email address based on the compare,

update the email address to the next email address,

update the step field to the next step; and

an out-box adapted to send the email without the route to the next email address.

2. (Previously presented) A workflow system, comprising:

a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses, and for managing a project to role to email address table, wherein the form route manager includes:

an in-box adapted to receive email;

a first sequencer adapted to as follows:

compare a step field of the email with the route,

define the next email address based on the compare,

update the email address to the next email address,

update the step field to the next step; and

an out-box adapted to send email to the next email address.

3. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 2, wherein the email includes a project control field with a value that permits selection of a project in the project to role to email address table.

1 4. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 1 or 2, wherein the
2 email contains a project identifier.

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4 5. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 1 or 2, wherein the
5 route is associated with a project.

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7 6. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 2, wherein the email
8 includes a project control field with a value that permits selection of a plurality of email
9 addresses in the project to role to email address table.

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11 7. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 3, further comprising an
12 organization table mapping persons in the organization table to the roles in the project
13 to role to email address table.

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15 8. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 1 or 2, wherein a
16 workflow is initiated when a project is initiated or completed.

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20 31. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 1, wherein the form
21 route manager communicates with a project management system and wherein the
22 project management system sends a message at a project segment to the form route
23 manager to initiate workflow on the route.

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25 32. (Previously presented) A workflow system, comprising:
26 a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the
27 route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses and for communicating
28 with a project management system, wherein the form route manager includes:
29 an in-box adapted to receive email;
30 a first sequencer adapted to as follows:
compare a step field of the email with the route,

1 define the next email address based on the compare,
2 update the email address to the next email address,
3 update the step field to the next step; and
4 an out-box adapted to send email to the next email address, wherein the form
5 route manager sends a message to the project management system at a project
6 segment.

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8 33. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein the
9 message includes the time the message was sent.

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11 34. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein the
12 message contains a segment identifier.

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14 35. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein a
15 workflow route is associated with a project segment.

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17 36. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 32, wherein the project
18 management system calculates the project schedule based on the message.

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20 37. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein the
21 message is an email message.

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23 38. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 31 or 32, wherein a
24 workflow is initiated when a project segment is initiated or completed.

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26 39. (Previously presented) A workflow system, comprising:
27 a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the
28 route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses and a project to role to
29 email address table, wherein the form route manager includes:
30 an in-box adapted to receive email;
a first sequencer adapted to as follows:

1 compare a step field of the email with the route,
2 define the next email address based on the compare,
3 update the email address to the next email address,
4 update the step field to the next step; and
5 an out-box adapted to send email to the next email address, wherein the email
6 includes a project control field with a value that permits selection of a project in the
7 project to role to email address table.

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9 40. (Currently amended) ~~The workflow system of claim 39,~~ A workflow system,
10 comprising:

11 a form route manager for receiving and sending email according to a route, the
12 route comprising a step-by-step sequence of email addresses, and for managing a
13 project to role to email address table, wherein the form route manager includes:

14 an in-box adapted to receive email;

15 a first sequencer adapted to as follows:

16 compare a step field of the email with the route,

17 define the next email address based on the compare,

18 update the email address to the next email address,

19 update the step field to the next step; and

20 an out-box adapted to send email to the next email address, wherein the email includes
21 a project control field with a value that permits selection of a plurality of email addresses
22 in the project to role to email address table.

23 41. (Previously presented) The workflow system of claim 39, further comprising
24 an organization table mapping persons in the organization table to the roles in the
25 project to role to email address table.
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